

REMARKS

A solid detergent composition is provided according to the invention. The solid detergent composition includes an effective detergative amount of a neutralized anionic surfactant, an effective detergative amount of an alkyl polyglycoside surfactant, an effective detergative amount of an alcohol alkoxylate, an effective hardening amount of a hardening agent, and wherein the solid detergent composition is provided in the form of a block. The neutralized anionic surfactant comprises a result of neutralizing an anionic surfactant comprising alkyl benzene sulfonate and at least one of alkali metal salt, alkaline metal earth salt, and mixtures thereof. The hardening agent comprises about 1 wt.% to about 75 wt.%, based on the weight of the detergent composition, of polyethylene glycol.

The outstanding Office Action includes two prior art-based rejections. Claims 1-5 and 7-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,801,137 (*Addison et al.*). Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over *Addison et al.* and U.S. Patent No. 5,876,514 (*Rolando et al.*). These rejections are traversed.

Addison et al. fail to disclose a solid detergent composition having the components identified by the presently claimed invention, and fail to provide a solid detergent composition that is provided in the form of a block.

Addison et al. disclose a detergent composition containing a detergent builder system, an organodiphosphonic acid or its salts or complexes or any mixture thereof, and an organic polymer containing acrylic acid or its salts and having an average molecular weight of less than 15,000. See *Addison et al.* at column 3, line 59 through column 4, line 3. Although *Addison et al.* disclose various surfactants at column 7, line 50 through column 13, line 40, it is submitted that there is no teaching or suggestion by *Addison et al.* to use a combination of a neutralized anionic surfactant wherein the anionic surfactant comprises alkyl benzene sulfonate, an alkyl polyglycoside surfactant, and an alcohol alkoxylate as provided by the presently claimed invention. Furthermore, *Addison et al.* fail to disclose or suggest providing their composition as a solid block. The Examiner's attention is directed to *Addison et al.* at column 19, line 47 through column 20, line 7. According to *Addison et al.*, the detergent composition can be provided as a liquid or gel. When the composition is provided as a solid, it is provided in the form of powders, granules, or tablets.

In view of the above comments, one having ordinary skill in the art would not have received the suggestion to prepare a solid detergent composition according to the present invention from the disclosure of *Addison et al.* Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection over *Addison et al.* is requested.

Rolando et al. fail to suggest modifying *Addison et al.* to achieve the presently claimed invention. *Rolando et al.* disclose a warewashing detergent composition containing at least about 20% by weight of a combination of a detergent and rinse agent. See *Rolando et al.* at column 4, lines 61-65. It is submitted that there is no sufficient disclosure by *Rolando et al.* that would have suggested modifying *Addison et al.* to achieve the presently claimed invention.

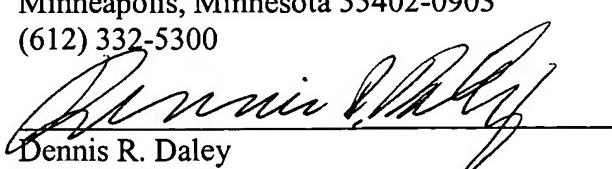
In view of the above comments, withdrawal of the prior art-based rejections are requested.

Claims 1-24 stand rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. In view of claims 1-22 of U.S. Patent No. 6,387,870. In view of the amendment to the claims, the Examiner is requested to reconsider whether to continue rejecting the claims of this application under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. If the Examiner determines that the claims should be rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting, the Applicants will consider whether to file a Terminal Disclaimer to remove the obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

It is believed that this application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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